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FOLBRUSSELS 09537 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN KINSHASA  
LONDON MAY 18, 1978 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

S E C R E T BRUSSELS 09537

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DEPT PASS:

CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GER

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, CG, FR, BE

SUBJECT: KOLWEZI RESCUE OPERATION

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REFS: A) STATE 126068, B) TOWELL-WALKER AND HOLLIDAY  
TELECON

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED DRAFT STATEMENT PROVIDED REF A WITH  
MFA CHEF DE CABINET ALFRED CAHEN 11:00 A.M.(LOCAL)  
MAY 18. CAHEN AGREED TO NEED FOR A STATEMENT AND SAID  
GOB WANTED TO COORDINATE ON PUBLIC ASPECTS OF KOLWEZI

RESCUE OPERATION WITH USG.

2. CAHEN SAID THAT GOB PLANNED TO ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN BRUSSELS ON THE DAY OF THE PARACHUTE DROP AND NOT BEFORE FOR MILITARY SECURITY REASONS. EITHER THE PRIME MINISTER OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL MAKE A STATEMENT, POSSIBLY AT A SATURDAY SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. CAHEN SAID HE WOULD INFORM US ASAP.

3. RE THE DRAFT STATEMENT PROVIDED REF A, CAHEN SAID THAT THE FORMULATION PROPOSED WAS NOT ENTIRELY CORRECT. HE SAID THAT THE GOB AND GOZ WERE NOT ASKING FOR USG ASSISTANCE TOGETHER. THE GOB INITIATIVE IS TO PROTECT FOREIGN CITIZENS IN KOLWEZI WITH GOZ APPROVAL. THE GOZ GOAL IS TO REPEL THE INVADERS. COMMENT: WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH CAHEN ON WORDING ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOB.

4. WE UNDERSTAND ON BASIS OF REF B, WHICH PROVIDED ALL ABOVE INFO TO SHABA TASK FORCE, THAT ANOTHER DRAFT STATEMENT IS UNDER PREPARATION IN STATE. PLEASE PROVIDE REDRAFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR US TO COORDINATE WITH GOB. CHAMBERS UNQUOTE VANCE

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